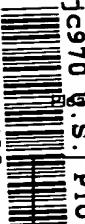


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Attorney Docket No. 85CF-00114

First Inventor Richard P. Messmer

Title METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR FINDING VALUE
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1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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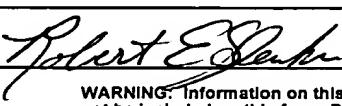
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